

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS  
Annual BOARD MEETING  
August 9, 2015

- I. Call to Order and Welcome – 5:53 pm by President Keith Frank to approximately 50 (fifty) .
- II. Reports:
  - a) Secretary: Sue Duncan read the August 2014 annual board minutes. Vince Weiler made a motion for approval, second by Tim Haskin. Unanimously passed.
  - b) Treasurer: Pat Casey submitted the written summary of profit and loss from August 2014 to July 2015. She also provided a summary of individual shows profit and loss dating back to 2002. Questions were encouraged and answered. Motion by George Robson, second by Michal Jacot to approve the treasurer's reports. Unanimously accepted.
  - c) Correspondence: Debra DeBois reported miscellaneous mail including thank you letters, get well, condolences, and Community Theatre Association of Michigan info, both sent and received.
  - d) Membership: June Hudgins reported that our membership was 147 for the 2014-2015 season. Memberships for 2015-2016 season will be reported at a later time.
  - e) Summer Raffle: Deb DeBois reports ticket sales to be down some for the snow blower and shield, but our cost is also down. She has noticed increased interest in the larger than usual cash prizes. A profit of three thousand dollars is anticipated.
  - f) Singers: Pat Casey reported that the Tawas Bay Players Singers brought in \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) this season. The Bowlers of Michigan have recommended the Singers to a Chicago bowlers group, resulting in a booking for a performance in February of 2016. Very Nice work, Singers!
- III. **Old Business**
  - a) CEC Conference : Oct. 8 & 9, 2014 – Keith summarized the event which went very well; lots of positive comments by visitors. First cooperative venture of this type between the City of E. Tawas, MSU Extension and TBP.
  - b) Murder on Maui Dinner Theatre: On April 11,2015 a first attempt at this type of performance in some time by TBP was held at the K of C Hall for one performance. It earned \$1,397.48 (One thousand three hundred ninety-seven dollars and 48 cents) and was a mutually successful fund raiser for TBP and K of C.

- c) Director's Workshop – Another first event held with support from CTAM on November 7, 2015 allowed 20 local attendees to learn additional aspects of directing. Attendees received a copy of Jim Carver's book on community theatre directing gratis through the generosity of Vincent Weiler.
- d) Social Media: Types used will be elaborated upon in the next newsletter, but Sue Duncan reported that the conference leaders agree that to attract younger membership this avenue of communication is a must.
- e) Scholarship reminder: Those attending workshops and conferences may apply for up to 50% of their registration fees to be reimbursed upon application and completion of said event. One year membership in TBP is a requirement. CTAM also has scholarships for similar events available for those who are members of that organization.
- f) Women of Lockerbie – Our winter production went to State competition in Owosso, Michigan the end of April. The first to preform at that event, they set the bar for excellence. Although the show was not chosen for Regional competition it was very well received and highly spoken of by many attendees, not from TBP. Director Debra DeBois said that all involved benefited greatly in the experience, another first for TBP! Thanks go to all who worked so hard and to those who supported their efforts.

#### IV. **New Business**

- a) Second Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre planned- Michal Jacot will direct, and Sue Duncan produce a 60's themed play of Michal's creation for a two night fund raiser, again partnering with the E. Tawas Knights of Columbus, January 22 and 23, 2016.
- b) Proof of Membership Required for Dress Rehearsal Attendance – Due to some misuse and member complaints, membership cards will be required for entrance to dress rehearsals starting with the fall show. (A membership list will be available if cards are forgotten.) Legally if non-members are in attendance royalties should be paid. Since Tawas Village residents are often in attendance they shall be honorary members, with dues being a donation of cookies.... Which they always do. The website and show tickets will carry information about the new rehearsal ID requirement for all to be informed.
- c) Play Reading Committee – Michal Jacot has volunteered to resurrect the reading of more plays by more people aspect of play selection. This will be in addition to the work done by Artistic Advisory Committee members.
- d) Acting Workshop – Tara Western of the Artistic Advisory Committee along with others is planning a second regional workshop, supported by CTAM and TBP focusing on acting education for Saturday, Nov. 5, 2015.

- e) “A Dozen Legends” Musical program in conjunction with Dennis Szatkowski scheduled for October 30, 31 and Nov.1, 2015. This is not a regular part of our program, so tickets will be sold separately. The show will feature famous musical persons of the not too distant past and their music.
- f) Newsletter: Pam Frank is still producing these (after four years at the keyboard) and welcomes all who will contribute articles, photos and important announcements and information. Generally, there is one newsletter produced after each show. Kay Robeson and all gave Pam a BIG commendation for her work!
- g) The Next Annual Meeting: Dinner at the K of C Hall on Friday, August 12, 2016 time and menu to be determined. After a number of years of picnic meetings we will try a dinner meeting. Cost will be defrayed by TBP and food will be prepared for us. As Chris Mundy said, “We can still have a picnic, too.”
- h) Election of Board Members: Incumbent, Judy Quarters, as well as Penny Zacharias a past board member, and new candidate Donna Thomas are all on the ballot. Deb DeBois made a motion to accept the ballot as written, seconded by Mike Robeson. Passed unanimously.
- i) 2015-2016 Season
  - i. Nunsensations a musical comedy: October 9-11, 15-18, 2015 (Chris Mundy)
  - ii. A Dozen Legends a musical extravaganza: October 30, 31 and Nov.1, 2015 (Dennis Szatkowski)
  - iii. Christmas Songs & Stories – December 15, 2015 (TBP Singers)
  - iv. Twelve Angry Jurors a drama – February 12-14, 18-21, 2016 (Debra DeBois)
  - v. The Marvelous Wonderettes a musical – May 13-15, 19-22, 2016 (Dennis Szatkowski)
  - vi. Happy Birthday, Dean Grandpa a comedy – July 15-17, 21-24, 2016 (June Hudgins)
  - vii. I’ll be Back Before Midnight –a drama/suspense production October 14-16, 20-23, 2016 (Alan Dalton)
- j) Announcement of Board Seats – slate of candidates accepted earlier
- k) Presentation of Founders Award – Last year’s recipient Penny Zacharias presented the pin to Sharon Langley. Congratulations to Sharon and thank you for all you do for TBP.

**V. Business from the Floor**

- a) CTAM Fall Conference reminder – registration \$100, rooms (easily shared) \$108. A great event with scholarships available!

- b) Facebook – our only social media beyond the website is being maintained by Tara Western. She will pass this responsibility to another member volunteer come November. SEE HER if you can HELP!
  - c) Janie Mundy and Donna Thomas announced a Fun Fund Raiser is being planned for a Saturday in December to help defray medical expenses for our member Tina Dalton. More info to come!
  - d) Pat Casey reminded all that proceeds from one performance of our summer show has been donated to the Daltons. (\$500.00) This is what has been done before for members with difficult medical situations.
  - e) Support for retiring John Thomas, director of the Community Band, and often TBP musical member was sought for the last concert in the park coming up this next Monday.
  - f) Janie Mundy had wonderful door prizes to give out. About 8 lucky people received homemade jam, baked goods, garden produce or other lovely items. Thank you, Janie!
  - g) Sad loss of past member Cindy Hatcher was announced by Tim Haskin.
- VI. **Announcement** of tryouts for Nunsensations – Chris Mundy welcomes all help, especially with costumes, technical help and props as well as actors!
- VII. **Adjournment – 7pm thru notion by Tara Western, second by all!**

**BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, MEMBERSHIP IS INVITED TO ATTEND!**

Next Regular Meeting – September 22, 2015 @ 6:30 pm at the playhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Duncan  
Recording Secretary